

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 97-108 (cancelled).

109. (currently amended) A method for producing a tray, characterized in that a foldable cutout of a tray part is initially erected in an erection mold (316) into a preformed tray part having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the bottom of the part having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the bottom of the preformed tray part, and then, while the preformed tray part is held in an assembly mold that has the same internal configuration as the erection mold (316, KS Fig. 18), an annular collar (52,452) the same internal configuration as the erection mold (316, KS Fig. 18), an annular collar (52,452) is subsequently accurately positioned on the preformed tray part (40,440) with the aid of a collar mold (318, KS Fig. 18) having a male portion that is configured for close reception within the assembly mold, the annular collar being positioned on and bonded with the tray part by moving at least one of the assembly and collar molds toward the other so as to provide the preformed tray part with a peripheral flange extending outwardly from the peripheral sidewall so that a unitary tray is formed that is capable of being separately handled.

110. (currently amended) The method of claim 109 wherein the erection mold and the assembly mold are one and the same peripheral sidewall has an inside surface and the collar is provided with a flange forming portion having tabs depending therefrom, and said steps of positioning and bonding the collar are carried out by positioning the tabs against and bonding same to the inside surface of the peripheral sidewall.

111. (currently amended) The method of claim 110 wherein the step of erecting the tray part is carried out by providing the tray peripheral sidewall wall with outwardly extending flange portions, and said steps of positioning and bonding the collar to the tray peripheral sidewall is carried out by positioning the collar against and bonding same to the outwardly extending flange portions.

112. (currently amended) The method of claim 109 wherein the tray peripheral sidewall has an upper end and the step of positioning the flange forming annular collar is carried out by positioning the annular collar to provide an outwardly extending flange adjacent the upper end of the tray peripheral sidewall wall.

113. (cancelled)

114. (currently amended) The method of claim 109 wherein the collar and the tray peripheral sidewall wall have facing surfaces and the step of bonding is carried out by bonding the facing surfaces together with adhesive located between the facing surfaces.

115. (currently amended) The method of claim 109 wherein the step of bonding the tray sidewall forming portions relative to the tray bottom forming portion is carried out to form a preformed tray having a tray bottom and a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of disconnected adjacent sidewall segments extending upwardly from the tray bottom.

116. (previously presented) The method of claim 115 wherein the step of forming a tray peripheral sidewall that comprises a plurality of adjacent sidewall segments is carried out by providing the sidewall segments with overlapping tabs that connect adjacent sidewall segments.

117. (new) A method for assembling a food package tray comprising the steps of:

providing a cutout blank having a central tray bottom forming portion and tray sidewall forming portions outwardly of the tray bottom forming portion; bending the tray sidewall forming portions relative to the tray bottom forming portion to form a preformed tray having a tray bottom and a tray peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the tray bottom, the tray peripheral sidewall having an inside surface; positioning on the tray peripheral sidewall a flange forming collar having tabs depending therefrom; and bonding the collar to the tray peripheral sidewall by positioning said tabs against and bonding same to said inside surface of said peripheral sidewall to provide the tray with an outwardly extending peripheral flange.

118. (new) A method for producing a tray, characterized in that a foldable cutout of a tray part is initially erected into a preformed tray part having a bottom and a peripheral sidewall extending upwardly from the bottom of the preformed tray part, the peripheral sidewall having an inside surface, and then, while the preformed tray part is held in an assembly mold (316, KS Fig. 18), an annular collar having a flange forming portion with tabs depending therefrom (52,452) is subsequently accurately positioned on the preformed tray part (40,440) with the aid of a collar mold (318, KS Fig. 18) and bonded with the tray part by moving at least one of the assembly and collar molds toward the other so as to provide the preformed tray part with a peripheral flange extending outwardly from the peripheral sidewall so that a unitary tray is

formed, and said steps of positioning and bonding the collar being carried out by positioning the tabs against and bonding same to the inside surface of the peripheral sidewall.